



REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT Ecology Program Recommendations

Process and System Improvements

1. Expand ability for dischargers to electronically submit DMR (Discharge Monitoring Reports)
2. Convert Water Quality data system to a web-based platform.
3. Develop hydropower project licensing guidance.
4. Develop statewide stormwater permit for the Department of Transportation, reducing (but not eliminating) individual permits.
5. General Air Quality Orders for less controversial sources.
6. Develop air quality PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) Application Form.
7. Develop portable permits for temporary air quality sources.
8. Accept electronic payment for permits; electronic data submittals.
9. Automation of air quality permit timeliness tracking system.
10. Use the "Permit Lite" process for renewing waste permits.
11. Evaluate streamlining of the hazardous waste permit modification process.
12. Develop a Water Rights Application Processing Handbook and enhance training for staff to ensure timely, efficient and effective decision making.
13. Determine if the formal water resources application process could be streamlined.
14. Expand 401 WQ certification streamlining statewide.
15. Update PSD permits by removing unnecessary outdated requirements.
16. Streamline Air Operating Permits by aligning New Source Review and PSD conditions.
17. Streamline Industrial water quality (NPDES) and state waste discharge permitting for facilities that have no new limits.
18. Improved management of cleanups – examine community needs, multiple sources, area wide contamination, and contributing contamination sources.
19. Apply permitting options and adjust flexibility to the Hanford units to make better, more timely regulatory decisions.
20. Develop the JARPA (Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application) interactive web-based permitting from pilot to full scale.

People and Service-Related Improvements

1. Communicate proposed permitting schedules to applicants.
2. Automatic evaluation cards for NPDES and PSD permits.
3. Update the Air Quality Notice of Construction manual.
4. Enhancing the Water Rights information management system and intranet site to better serve information needs of applicants/staff.
5. Encourage spills staff awareness and understanding of business through face to face visits/inspections of every facility.
6. Jointly develop draft Industrial permits with facilities that have the necessary expertise.
7. Conduct third permit applicant survey for all environmental permits.
8. Implement "PlainTalk" throughout agency (see Exec Order)

Policy and Regulatory Integration

1. Participate in ORA effort on Regulatory Integration.
2. Evaluate (with CTED and Governor's office) the extent of GMA/SEPA/SMA reform.
3. Begin leading "Effective Environmental Mitigation" effort with stakeholders.
4. Lead the "Reducing Toxics Threats" initiative.
5. Develop proposal for creating MAP Teams for non-DOT projects

Regulatory Innovation and Partnerships

1. Foster the "Wheat Straw to Paper" initiative with CTED, GA, WSDA
2. Make process on flexible, effective watershed management in adopting instream flows.
3. Evaluate financial and regulatory incentives for business that will result in better environmental outcomes and save money.
4. Establish criteria to authorize qualified local programs to carry out stormwater construction permitting requirements.
5. Assist Fort Lewis with getting into the Performance Track Program and thereby eliminating the need for a major permit.
6. More MOUs with business sectors.
7. Conduct LEAN Manufacturing workshops for business.
8. Expand the existing MOU with tank vessels to include cargo, passenger, and fishing vessels.
9. Industrial Footprint Project – finding a better, more comprehensive way to regulate facilities with multi-media impacts.
10. Expand the wetland mitigation banking program to enable faster decisions and better mitigation.
11. Market National Environmental Performance Track Program to bring more facilities into the program.